

Thursday, June 21, 2007

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
10:00 a.m. For Legislative Business	Last Vote: Evening
Ten "One-minutes" Per Side	

Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **H.R. 2764 -FY2008 Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations (Rep. Lowey-Appropriations):**
Pursuant to the rule, debate on the bill will be managed by Appropriations Committee Chair Rep. David Obey, or his designee, and will proceed in the following order:
 - Debate and votes on amendments to the bill.
 - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.
 - Vote on passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on final passage.**

Bill Summary and Key Issues

Unanimous Consent Agreement on Amendments to the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill:

During further consideration of H.R. 2764 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 478, notwithstanding clause 11 of rule 18, no amendment to the bill may be offered except:

- *Pro forma* amendments offered at any point in the reading by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate;
- An amendment by Mr. Lincoln Diaz-Balart or Mr. Sires regarding funding for Cuba Democracy assistance programs, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;
- An amendment by Mr. Wolf regarding funding for certain assistance programs for Iraq, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;
- An amendment by Mr. Shays regarding funding for Iraq Study Group; \An amendment by Mr. Garrett of New Jersey regarding funding for anti-terrorism programs;

- An amendment by Mr. McCaul regarding funding for International Narcotics Control and Law enforcement programs;
- An amendment by Mr. Garrett of New Jersey regarding certain reporting requirements related to UN employees participating in UN peacekeeping missions;
- An amendment by Mr. Mack regarding funding for broadcasting to Venezuela;
- An amendment by Mr. Shadegg to strike language designating funds for renewable energy;
- An amendment by Mr. Sherman regarding funding for the International Development Association;
- An amendment by Mr. Payne regarding funding for tuberculosis through Child Survival and Health;
- An amendment by Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas regarding funding for Liberia;
- An amendment by Mr. Blumenauer regarding funding for Pakistan;
- An amendment by Mr. Culberson regarding funding for rural water and sanitation projects in East Africa;
- An amendment by Mr. Shays regarding funding for community assistance programs in Iraq;
- An amendment by Mr. Forbes regarding ESF funding for Ethiopia;
- An amendment by Mr. Knollenberg regarding funding for the Millennium Challenge Corporation;
- An amendment by Mr. Pitts regarding funding for HIV/AIDS abstinence prevention programs, which shall be debatable for 30 minutes;
- An amendment by Mr. Price of Georgia regarding funding for Israel;
- An amendment by Ms. Ros-Lehtinen regarding funding for the UN Development Program;
- An amendment by Ms. Moore regarding notification requirements on Liberia;
- An amendment by Mr. Skelton regarding oversight of Iraq reconstruction;
- An amendment by Mr. Weiner regarding military assistance for Egypt;
- An amendment by Mr. Smith of New Jersey or Mr. Stupak regarding the Mexico City policy on family planning assistance, which shall be debatable for 45 minutes and shall remain in order even if proposing to strike language inserted by amendment;
- An amendment by Ms. Lowey making changes to Section 622, which shall be debatable for 45 minutes;
- An amendment by Mr. Lamborn regarding a prohibition on funds for certain individuals and entities for West Bank and Gaza programs;
- An amendment by Mr. King of Iowa regarding basing rights in Iraq;
- An amendment by Mr. Boustany to strike Section 699;
- An amendment by Mr. Fortenberry regarding Foreign Military Financing funds for Egypt for certain border security efforts;
- An amendment by Mr. McGovern limiting assistance for Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, which shall be debatable for 30 minutes;
- An amendment by Mr. Weiner limiting funding for Saudi Arabia;
- An amendment by Mr. Upton or Ms. Harman regarding use of Energy Star certified light bulbs;

- An amendment by Mr. Tierney regarding funding for Pakistan;
- An amendment by Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas regarding health infrastructure in Africa;
- An amendment by Mr. Gingrey regarding a prohibition on funds for negotiations related to the visa waiver program;
- An amendment by Mr. Pence regarding a limitation on the use of liquidated assets from an Enterprise Fund to establish a new foundation or entity;
- An amendment by Mr. Garrett of New Jersey limiting the use of funds for international conferences;
- An amendment by Ms. Ros-Lehtinen regarding a prohibition on the use of funds for contributions to the UN for the United Nations Human Rights Council;
- An amendment by Mr. Price of Georgia regarding an across-the-board reduction in funding, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;
- An amendment by Mr. Poe regarding a prohibition on funds to issue visas to citizens of certain countries based on certain extradition policies;
- An amendment by Mr. Poe or Mr. Tancredo regarding a prohibition on the use of funds in contravention of 8 U.S.C. 1253;
- An amendment by Mr. Flake limiting the use of funds to certain non-governmental organizations other than through the competitive bidding process;
- An amendment by Mr. King of Iowa limiting the use of funds for travel by certain House officials to certain countries;
- An amendment by Mr. Goodlatte or Ms. Herseth Sandlin regarding a prohibition on the use of funds for the diversity visa program;
- An amendment by Mr. Pence limiting the use of funds for the Palestinian Authority;
- An amendment by Mr. Pence regarding a prohibition on funds for U.S. contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Gaza;
- An amendment by Ms. Musgrave regarding an across-the-board reduction in funding, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;
- An amendment by Mr. Jordan reducing funds in the bill, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;
- An amendment by Mr. Conaway regarding use of reductions made through amendments for deficit reduction;
- An amendment by Mr. Hensarling reducing funds in the bill;
- An amendment by Mr. Tancredo prohibiting funds to enforce certain guidelines regarding relations with Taiwan;
- An amendment by Mr. Blunt prohibiting funds for the International Seabed Authority;
- An amendment by Mr. Shadegg prohibiting funds for countries providing assistance to Iran related to nuclear and missile programs;
- An amendment by Mr. Shadegg prohibiting funds for countries providing refined petroleum to Iran;
- An amendment by Mr. Obey regarding earmarks; and
- An amendment or amendments by Ms. Lowey regarding funding levels.

Except as otherwise specified, each amendment shall be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent.

H.R. 2764 – Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, 2008

Bill Total

2007 Enacted: \$31.287 billion

President's request: \$34.943 billion

Committee Mark: \$34.243 billion

KEY INVESTMENTS

Global Health: \$6.517 billion, \$994 million above 2007 and \$513 million above the President's request, for critical global health programs to strengthen the global public health infrastructure and surveillance network in order to save lives overseas and to protect the health of the United States.

- **HIV/AIDS:** \$5.082 billion, \$1.249 billion above 2007 and \$585.7 million above the President's request, for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care programs around the world.
 - **Global Fund:** \$550 million, \$76 million below 2007 and \$550 million above the President's request, for the Global Fund to provide grants to countries for AIDS, TB and Malaria prevention, treatment and care programs. With the \$300 million included in the Labor, Health and Education Appropriations bill, the overall contribution to the Global Fund would be \$850 million - \$126 million above 2007.
- **Child Survival and Health Programs Fund:** \$1.955 billion, \$237 million above 2007 and \$391 million above the President's request (includes \$600 million of the HIV/AIDS funding)

Sudan: \$949.3 million, \$104 above the President's request. Of this amount, \$210.5 million is for critical humanitarian and peacekeeping programs in Darfur, which is \$100 million above the President's request. The remaining funds are for development assistance to build the economic base and strengthen democratic institutions in Southern Sudan.

Basic Education: The bill provides \$750 million for grants to organizations that support basic education programs. This includes \$265 million to help countries that have national education plans, as outlined in Education for All Initiative, the international commitment to provide all children with access to a quality education.

Improving Access to Safe Drinking Water: \$300 million for safe water programs, including \$100 million for a new initiative requiring the Administration to develop a strategy to help high priority countries address their water issues, including: help providing sources for safe drinking water (such as pumps and wells); building water systems; and support for safe hygiene programs.

Environment: \$501 million for clean energy and biodiversity programs worldwide, including funding for the Global Environmental Facility and international conservation programs to work with developing nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, preserve parks and protect wildlife.

World Wide Embassy Security Upgrades: \$1.772 billion, \$191 million above 2007 and the same as the President's request, for ongoing security upgrades to ensure that our embassies remain safe and secure for the tens of thousands of military and civilian staff serving in roughly 260 posts worldwide.

International Organizations: \$333.4 million, \$7.2 million above 2007 and \$44 million above the President's request, to reinvest in multi-lateral programs to confront global challenges. Specifically, the bill includes \$128 million for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and a total of \$40 million for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Refugee Assistance: \$830 million, \$3 million below 2007 and \$56 million above the President's request, to help displaced people around the world with food, water, shelter and other basic needs.

Disaster Assistance: \$322 million, after accounting for a transfer of \$51.5 million to the Development Assistance account, this amount is \$12.5 million above 2007 and \$25 million above the President's request to avert famines and provide life-saving assistance during natural disasters.

Eastern Europe and Former Soviet Countries: \$695 million, \$31 million below 2007 and \$54 million above the President's request, to slow the President's cuts to assistance for young democracies, specifically Kosovo and Macedonia, and to continue civil society assistance in Russia and Central Asia.

Broadcasting: \$682.3 million, \$35.6 million above 2007 and \$14 million above the President's request, for radio programs critical to the nation's overall public diplomacy efforts.

Peacekeeping Activities

- **Dues for U.N. Peacekeeping Missions:** \$1.3 billion, \$167 million above 2007 and \$195 million above the President's request, for Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA). These funds help support peacekeeping operations throughout the world, including Liberia, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Haiti, Timor-Leste, the Middle East, and Kosovo.
- **Targeted Peacekeeping Operations:** \$293.2 million, \$69.9 million above 2007 and \$72 million above the President's request for Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), targeted missions that are of particular interest to the United States. An additional \$100 million is included to provide critical support to the African Union Peacekeepers in Darfur.

Educational and Cultural Exchanges: \$501.4 million, \$55.7 million above 2007 and \$15 million above the President's request, to fund the participation of over 42,000 individuals in educational, cultural and professional exchange programs worldwide. Includes Fulbright student and scholar exchanges and the International Visitors Program. These exchanges are critical to improving our nation's security by rebuilding our status overseas through diplomacy.

Peace Corps: \$333.5 million, \$13.9 million above 2007 and matching the President's request, for the program that has 7,749 volunteers in 67 posts serving 73 countries.

SIGNIFICANT CUTS

Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC): \$1.8 billion, nearly \$50 million above 2007 and \$1.2 billion below the President's request to develop country-driven compacts that will have the greatest overall impact on poverty reduction and economic growth. This program is cut below the President's request because there is roughly \$2 billion in unobligated balances, making funds provided in this bill sufficient to move forward on new compacts.

Funding for Iraq: The bill does not fund \$456 million requested by the President for Iraq as the Administration has not provided sufficient justification on how it will spend the \$2.862 billion recently provided in the 2007 emergency supplemental appropriations.

Diplomatic and Consular Programs: \$4.78 billion, \$446.3 million above 2007 and \$157.9 million below the President's request for non-security operations.

Promoting Development and Fighting Drugs in Colombia: \$530.6 million, \$59 million below the President's request, and \$86.5 million below 2007 for drug interdiction and eradication efforts coupled with economic development assistance for drug-affected communities, realizing the drug war cannot be won without addressing the economic pressures that feed into it. Cuts were made to restore funding levels for other Latin American countries.

OTHER IMPORTANT POLICY ITEMS

Shift from Economic Support Funds to Development Assistance: Shifts \$365 million in requested Economic Support Fund and International Disaster and Famine Assistance accounts to the Development Assistance account to reassert the role of USAID as the primary development agency of the U.S. Government.

Increasing Green Exports: The bill includes a provision to encourage the Export-Import Bank to seek out investments in renewable energy and other environmentally beneficial products. This initiative could result in an estimated \$1 billion in additional green exports in 2008 and will encourage the use of renewable energy worldwide while helping to support U.S. producers of renewable energy and green products.

HIV/AIDS Prevention Programs: Gives the President the flexibility to determine the levels and types of prevention programs funded under the HIV/AIDS funds in this bill.

Egypt: \$200 million of the foreign military financing for Egypt provided in the bill is withheld until the Secretary of State certifies that Egypt is taking steps to address human rights concerns by reforming its judiciary and training its police as well as addressing concerns about the smuggling of weapons from Egypt to Gaza.

Modifying Existing Policy Related to Contraceptives: Modifies existing policy to allow the provision of contraceptives to international NGOs otherwise denied U.S. Government funding in order to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies, abortions, and the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.

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